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The Nautical Telegraph Code Book
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	CODE WORD	MEANING
Q:		
1	**Quadrant**	Accident to ship; loss of life. I am all right.
2	**Quadratic**	Accident to ship; not serious. I am all right.
3	**Quarantine**	Accident to ship; rather serious. I am all right.
4	**Quarter**	Accident to ship; very serious. I am all right.
5	**Quartering**	Collision; other vessel sunk; loss of life. I am all right.
6	**Quartile**	Collision; both vessels sunk; loss of life. I am all right.
7	**Quay**	Collision; other vessel sunk; no loss of life. I am all right.
8	**Quayage**	Collision. I am slightly hurt. Am writing. Don't be alarmed.
9	**Quicksand**	Collision. I am seriously hurt, and shall be in hospital some weeks.
10	**Quickwork**	Collision; have been towed here; shall repair ship here; don't think there will be much delay.
11	**Quid**	Collision; have been towed here; shall be delayed some time.
12	**Quilting**	Collision; shall have to go to -- for repairs.
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13	**Race**	Collision; have towed other vessel here.
14	**Raceway**	Collision; have towed other vessel to --.
15	**Racing**	Have been delayed towing other vessel here; expect important salvage.
16	**Raff**	Have been delayed towing other vessel here; do not expect much salvage.
17	**Raft**	Have been delayed towing other vessel here; am now about to leave for previous destination.
18	**Raftsman**	Our ship has been ashore; will repair here. I am safe.
19	**Rail**	Our ship has been ashore; will repair at --. I am safe.
20	**Rain**	Accident to ship; caused by bad weather.
21	**Rainbow**	Accident to ship; caused by fog.
22	**Rainchart**	Accident to ship; caused by default of other ship.
23	**Raincloud**	Accident to ship; caused by deafult of our ship.
24	**Rainpour**	Accident to ship, caused by default of pilot.
25	**Rainproof**	Accident to ship, caused by default of their pilot.
26	**Rainstorm**	Accident to ship, caused by machinery breaking down.
27	**Raintight**	Accident to ship, caused by steeringgear breaking down.
28	**Rainy**	Accident to ship, caused by loss of propellor.
29	**Rake**	Have been in collision with ice; shall repair here.
30	**Rakish**	Have been in collision with derelict; shall repair here.
31	**Ram**	I have been in collision with another ship; it is difficult to say who is in fault until the case is tried.
32	**Ramblade**	Ship ashore, crew safe; expect she will be a total wreck.
33	**Ramline**	Ship ashore, crew safe; expect we shall refloat her.
34	**Rammed**	Ship ashore, crew safe; hope to get her off next tide.
35	**Ramming**	Ship ashore, crew safe; hope to get her off next spring-tide.
36	**Range**	Ship ashore, crew safe. I am not in fault.
37	**Ratch**	Ship ashore, loss of life. I am safe; expect to refloat her.
38	**Rate**	Ship ashore, loss of life; am all right; expect she will be lost.
39	**Ratline**	Ship ashore, loss of life; captain drowned.
40	**Ratling**	Ship ashore, loss of life; some of the officers drowned.
41	**Ray**	Ship ashore, boat (or boats) with crew are missing; hope they will turn up later.
42	**Razee**	Ship lost; have been picked up and brought on here.
43	**Reach**	Ship lost; have been picked up and brought on here; some of the crew have been picked up by another vessel.
44	**Reaching**	Ship is broken down near here; have been sent with boat's crew for assistance, and shall leave again in other ship/
45	**Rebuild**	Ship lost; I am coming home by first steamer.
46	**Rebuilt**	We have picked up the crew of another ship, and landed them here; leaving again at once for former port.
47	**Recapture**	Ship's name is --, belonging to --.
48	**Recarry**	Ship dismasted; shall be here repairing some time.
49	**Recast**	Ship leaking badly; shall have to discharge cargo here, and drydock for repairs. Am writing.
50	**Reckon**	Ship wrecked here; shall have to wait some time to square up matters. Don't worry; I am writing.
51	**Reckoning**	Ship put into here, infectious disease on board. I am all right; am wirting.
52	**Reduction**	Ship put into here, short of coal; all well.
53	**Reef**	Ship put into here, short of water; all well.
54	**Reefband**	Ship put into here, short of provisions; all well.
55	**Reefer**	Ship put into here, loss of sails; am writing.
56	**Reefknot**	Patching ship up temporarily; going to -- to effect repairs.
57	**Reeftackle**	Patching ship up temporarlily to do passage home.
58	**Reefy**	Whatever the reports may be in the press do not be unduly alarmed. I am quite safe and sound. It may be some time before a letter reaches you, but there is nothing to worry about. It is quite possible an inquiry may be held here, in which case delay is unavoidable. Please do not take any notice of any alarming report you may read about in the newspaper. Will tell you all about it when I see you.

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